

THE DISSOLUTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

in wait, to take vengeance upon him for having preached the crusade against them. He had been singing the high Mass of St. Peter Martyr, and was going up to the dormitory to prepare for the journey, when, as he paused to say the *Regina caeh* before the Madonna's statue, a voice spoke in his heart: "Fear not; I am here for thee ; I am in heaven for thee ; I will protect and defend thee ; be assured and fear nothing ; I am here for thee." It was the hour of Catherine's death, though he knew it not.¹ At Bologna, he was elected master-general in May, in opposition to Fra Elias, and the schism in the Dominican order was now complete.²

A similar disruption had taken place in the other orders in the previous year. The general chapter of the Carthusians held at Grenoble under Dom Guillaume Rainaud had declared for Clement, upon which, in December, Urban had appointed a general apostolic visitor of the houses faithful to him.⁸ At Naples, in October, the general chapter of the Franciscans, under Cardinal Leonardo de' Griffoni, had likewise decided to adhere to Clement. The Olivetani, on the other hand, being a mainly Italian order, were for the most part Urbanist.

Raimondo's task as master-general of the Dominicans was one that would have tried all the powers of a much stronger man. He found the whole order rent by the Schism, the individual convents either practically deserted, or else corrupt and rebellious. The utmost he could do was to induce the chapter-o-eneral to decree that, in every province under his obedience, Lhere should be at least one convent of the regular observance, :ontaining at least twelve friars, in which the original rule of St. Dominic should be maintained in all its pristine severity. Under his auspices, this reform was begun in Germany by Conrad of Prussia in 1389, and in Venice, in 1391, by Fra Giovanni Dominici, a young Florentine friar of great fervour and eloquence,

¹ *LegenJa*, III. iv. 9, 10 (§§ 368, 369).

² Cf. *Chronica ordinis Praedicatorum*, ed. Reichert, pp. 26, 27 (*Monumenta O. F. P. Aistorica*, torn. vii.).

⁸ Cf. Tromby, VII. pp. 45-5¹-